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FAIR TO THE DEATH

HERIFF Jed Duncan had a death gleam in his eyes. He sported Killer Marsh outside the Gunsmoke Salson. He was tying his bay pony when Duncan saw him. The sheriff couldn't have missed the famous red shirt of the ruthless bandir. Killer Marsh saw Duncan almost at the same instant.

With the bait-tragger desective that had brought his election as sheriff of the county, Duncan drew and freed. But Killer Marsh had notched his own gun by the same kind of speed. Both guns cracked at the same split second. A white heat burned in Jed Duncars's gun hand and his weapon dropped from his first, this deap of the proper from the first, thoulding into the dust at the hoofs of his paint.

The killer grinned, showing white firm teeth. It was then, unarmed, that Jed Duncan tealized he was facing, not only the Killer, but a half dozen of the Killer's men as well. And each one Ieveled immediate death at him. It was then that the Killer raised his felt hand.

"Yuh wa'n't quite fast enough on the draw, Sheriff," the Killer drawled. He seemed to enjoy his position.

"Till grant yuh got the drop on me, Killer," answered Duncan "Go ahead an' fire But yuh got a price on yore head'll be took up'by a dozen other lawmen in these parts Go ahead an' shoot. Yeh only delay the time of yore accountin'. Yuh can't nohow escape what yuh got comin' to yuh."

There seemed to be a certain pride and case in the Killer's laugh. He said: "I reckon I aun't called a killer without earnin' that handle, Sheriff. But I ain't never earned it by takin' a unfair advantage!"

Duncan sneered. He temembered the cruel

killing of his deputy, Rule Watson, only three weeks before. Rule had been at the bar in Alkali. According to witnesses Killer Marsh had fired through the open window. Rule had died without a chance to defend himself.

"That ain't like I heered it, Killet," Duncan said, his face grim.

"What is truth," said Killer, "is faces. What yuh beeted is only rumor. Git off'n yore hoss."

The shooting and the shouting had drawn a crowd of loungers and drinkers from the sisten. They stood stlently watching from the perch of the saloon. They' heard the Killer speak and were hushed in a respectful awed stlence. The Killer holstered his gun.

"I'm givin' yuh a chance tuh fight this out fair," he said. "And alone. Jest you an' me." Turning to his men he said, "Covet them thete critters. Any as thinks they wants tuh foller, let 'em taste lead."

"This don't make no sense nohow," said Duncan wryly. "What fer yuh doin' all this play actin'?"

"Git on yore hoss again," replied Killer Marsh, "Us'll be ridin out by arroyo."

Duncan wheeled his pony and starred off, Out of the corner of has eye he saw Killer Marsh ģetting on the bay. The sheriff's gun thar had been shot from has grasp lay m the durt and he left it there. He had another weapon hotsered at the other hip. And he could fire as-fast with the one hand as the other. Killer March rode up, keeping just behard Durcan.

It ruffled the sheriff's mind no end that he had been beaten to the draw, but he had to

admit he had muffed his big chance to nab the killer. The reward money would have helped him establish the nest egg he needed before he dated ask Mary Hart to become Mrs. Duncan. But he wasn't thinking particularly about the nest egg now. He was pondering the strange behavior of the deadly killer who had him completely in his power, yet seemed to be playing with him as a cat would play with a captured

At the arroyo Killer Marsh said, "Git down now. An' don't try tuh draw on me. I got wuh covered."

Killer Marsh got down and faced him. "Maybe yuh're wonderin' what this is all about" he said levelly.

"That is true tuh say the least," replied

"I done it tub prove I earn my notches fair

an' square," said Killer. "I heered vuh say that back in town,"

replied Duncan. "But I don't believe it." "We stands back tub back here," said the

Killer. "I dependin' on yuh not tuh double cross me, while we paces off."

"I don't fight that-away," said Duncan. "An" knowin' vuh could-a drilled me already a dozen

times, I'll risk yo're doin' the same." "Draw yore gun. We fires at twenty paces." led Duncan had faced death a hundred times. Danger was not new to him. Yet these twenty pages were the most anxious he had ever lived. He did not fear death now, but he did fear being made a fool of. There was no sense in the entire affair. Killer could have drilled him, yet he held his fire. Why? Apparently so he could come out here on a fool's errand and shoot out a duel. But again why?

He had gone a dozen paces and nothing had happened. He had half expected a slug between shoulders, but it did not come. Thirteen,

fourteen, fifteen-NINETEEN! No matter what Killer Marsh did now, he had not doublecrossed Duncan. It was any man's battle from that second on.

Duncan made his twentieth pace and spun as he spun about. His trigger finger snapped into action, so accurately timed that the instant he was forward his gun barked.

But his bullet had but whistled in the air. At first he thought Killer Marsh had escaped, but at that same second he saw the Killer's bay across the arroyo. Then he saw the Killer himself. Face down in the dirt, not twenty paces from point of starting. Not more than a dozen!

Cautiously Duncan moved toward Killer March, his gun ready for the slightest trace of treachery. But Killer Marsh lay still. Duncan turned the body over and gasped. The whole thing was clear as daylight. Killer Marsh had been practically dead all the way out from town! Jed Duncan HAD beat Killer Marsh to the draw. The red shirt had covered the blood that had been seeping from his chest. led hadn't noticed. And Killer Marsh, having been beaten to the draw, had taken this way our Too proud to let his men know, he had phonied up a scheme that made him a hero

At first Jed Duncan thought of the reward that was offered for Killer Marsh, dead or alive. But he shook his head. There was something almost pathetic about the way Killer had chosen to go out. In his last hour of life he had wanted to do one fair thing, or rather let the world think he had

in their eyes! In everyone's eyes.

"A fair fight it'll be, Killer," Jed said. "But paces from point of start, afore someone goes accusin' me of shootin' out of turn myself."





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